

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 GEORGE 01111 022012Z

71

ACTION EB-11

INFO OCT-01 ARA-16 ISO-00 L-03 CAB-09 CIAE-00 COME-00

DODE-00 DOTE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 RSC-01 FAA-00 SS-20

NSC-07 DRC-01 /079 W

----- 112368

P R 021945Z JUL 74

FM AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9934

INFO AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN

C O N F I D E N T I A L GEORGETOWN 1111

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRN, GY

SUBJECT: GOG SUGGESTS BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENT DISCUSSIONS WITH
US IN JULY

REF: (A) GEORGETOWN 1097, (B) GEORGETOWN 0047, (C) STATE
141872

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED

1. AS NOTED IN REF (A) GOG HAS PRESENTED NOTE TO EMBASSY CALLING
FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS IN JULY. TEXT AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE.
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF GUYANA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS
TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND HAS THE HONOUR
TO REFER TO THE LATTER'S NOTE NO. 30 DATED MAY 17, 1974, ON
THE QUESTION OF A BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA. PARA. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WISHES TO RESTATE
THE GUYANA GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON THIS QUESTION. THE POLICY
OF THE GUYANA GOVERNMENT IS TO CONCLUDE FORMAL AIR TRANSPORT
AGREEMENTS WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF ALL COUNTRIES WHOSE NATIONALS
OPERATE INTERNATIONAL SCHEDULED AIR SERVICES INTO AND THROUGH
GUYANA. IN PURSUANCE OF THIS POLICY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 GEORGE 01111 022012Z

AFFAIRS BY NOTE NO. FA:1/210 DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 1973, INVITED

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH A VIEW TO CONCLUDING SUCH AN AGREEMENT BY JUNE 30, 1974. PARA. ALL OTHER GOVERNMENTS WHOSE DESIGNATED AIRLINES OPERATE INTO AND THROUGH GUYANA HAVE ALREADY CONCLUDED SUCH AGREEMENTS OR HAVE AGREED TO CONCLUDE SUCH AGREEMENTS. PARA. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REFERS TO THE PREVIOUS NOTES SENT TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THIS SUBJECT AND, IN VIEW OF THE IMPOSSIBILITY NOW OF HOLDING DISCUSSIONS WITHIN THE TIME SCHEDULE ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED, INVITES THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO INDICATE A DATE DURING THE MONTH OF JULY, 1974 FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF SUCH DISCUSSIONS. THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA WOULD LIKE TO REPEAT THAT IT CONSIDERS A CONCLUSION OF THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT A MATTER OF URGENT NATIONAL POLICY. PARA. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF GUYANA AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE NOTE DATED JUNE 28, 1974, RECEIVED AT EMBASSY JULY 1, 1974.

END UNCLASSIFIED

2. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, MINISTRY OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS ON JULY 1 ADVISED LOCAL PANAM OFFICE IN WRITING THAT DESIGNATED CARRIERS OF COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEGUN NEGOTIATIONS FOR BILATERAL AIR SERVICES AGREEMENTS, WILL BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE SERVICES ON BASIS OF OPERATING LICENSES ONLY, AS OF AUGUST 1. PANAM SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR AUGUST LICENSE BY JULY 20. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS LICENSES WILL BE VALID FOR ONE MONTH.

3. CHARGE DISCUSSED SUBSTANCE OF (PARA 1) NOTE WITH FONOFF PERMSEC (COLLINS), WHO SUGGESTED THAT JULY DISCUSSIONS STRONGLY DESIRED BY GOG FOR INTERNAL POLITICAL REASONS, BUT IF IMPOSSIBLE FOR SCHEDULING REASONS, LATER DATE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE PROVIDED IT IS SPECIFIED NOW. COLLINS SAID THAT GOG WOULD PREFER FIRST DISCUSSIONS BE IN GEORGETOWN, BUT IF JULY DISCUSSIONS POSSIBLE ONLY IF IN WASHINGTON, GOG WOULD PREFER THAT RATHER THAN FURTHER DELAY. COLLINS NOTED THAT GOG IS AWARE NEW AGREEMENT WILL PROBABLY TAKE MORE THAN ONE MEETING, IN CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 GEORGE 01111 022012Z

WHICH CASE LOCALE COULD ALTERNATE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND GEORGETOWN.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY IS AWARE OF HEAVY WORKLOAD AND SCHEDULING PROBLEMS OF CIVIL AVIATION NEGOTIATORS, BUT BELIEVES SINCE USG HAS AGREED TO DISCUSS BILATERAL AVIATION MATTERS WITH GOG WE SHOULD DO SO AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. PERHAPS IF EB/AV SCHEDULE FOR JULY AND AUGUST COMPLETELY FULL, DEPT. MAY WISH EMBASSY TO

INITIATE DISCUSSIONS SIMPLY BY RECEIVING GOG POSITION AND RELAYING
SUBSTANCE TO WASHINGTON FOR REVIEW AND COUNTERPROPOSALS. PREFERABLY,
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS, DEPT. COULD PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH
MARKED-UP TEXT OF GOG'S DRAFT AGREEMENT, REF (B), WHICH WE
WOULD SUBMIT AT SOME TIME FOR GOG'S REVIEW. IN EITHER CASE,
"DISCUSSINS" WOULD BEGIN IN MORE TIMELY MANNER.

5. FYI. IN REPLY TO REF (C) EMBASSY BELIEVES(1) UNLIKELY
THAT GOG WOULD LOSE CASE IN LOCAL COURTS AGAINST PANAM, AND (2) IF
IT DID WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY APPEAL. THUS, SUIT COULD DRAG ON
FOR YEARS, AS HAS BEEN THE CASE IN SIMILAR GOG ACTIONS AGAINST
PRIVATE ENTITIES. EITHER WAY PANAM DEPOSIT LIKELY
TO REMAIN IN GOG TREASURY INDEFINITELY. MATTHEWS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: CIVIL AVIATION, AIR TRANSPORTATION, PROPOSALS (BID), MEETINGS, AVIATION AGREEMENTS, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS, DIPLOMATIC NOTES, FOREIGN POLICY POSITI ON, INVITATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 02 JUL 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: shawdg
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974GEORGE01111
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740175-0793
From: GEORGETOWN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740782/aaaacrvh.tel
Line Count: 128
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: (A) GEORGETOWN 1097, (B) GEORGETOWN, 0047, (C) STATE
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: shawdg
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 11 SEP 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <11 SEP 2002 by WorrelSW>; APPROVED <14 FEB 2003 by shawdg>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: GOG SUGGESTS BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENT DISCUSSIONS WITH US IN JULY
TAGS: ETRN, GY, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005